



2007 Annual Report



Disability Network / Michigan

A statewide coalition of
15 Centers for Independent Living

*Together, we change lives,
improve communities,
and save taxpayers money.*

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Our Philosophy

Disability Network/Michigan believes in the Independent Living philosophy. For people with disabilities, this means being as self-sufficient as possible, including:

- the right of all people to make informed choices
- to have personal control over their own lives
- to participate to the fullest extent possible in the everyday activities of work, school, home, family and community, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity





Who We Are

Disability Network/Michigan is a statewide coalition of 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

Our CILs are:

- Consumer controlled by boards of directors, more than half of whom are people with disabilities
- Community-based in locations across the State of Michigan
- Available to all people with disabilities
- Non-residential, neither owning nor operating places for people with disabilities to live
- Approved for non-profit status by the State of Michigan and the U.S. Department of the Internal Revenue Service as 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organizations

Our Mission

To assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities throughout the State of Michigan.

Did you know...

Prevalence of Adults with Disabilities in Michigan

35% - age 65 and older

26% - age 45-64

13% - age 18-44

Our Customers

Our member CILs serve people with disabilities: of all ages with all kinds of physical, cognitive, sensory and mental health disability characteristics living in their own homes, supported living arrangements, institutional settings, or elsewhere.

We also support their family members and significant others.

We also serve:

- Schools, colleges and university staff, and students
- Business and industry
- State and local governmental agencies
- Human service organizations
- Trade associations
- Volunteer sector organizations
- Medical communities
- Civic and veterans organizations



Did you know...

Nearly 80% of Michigan residents experience a disability in their lifetime. Every Michigan resident either has a disability or has a family member or a friend with a disability.



Our Demographics

In FY 2007, we served 36,920 people with disabilities.

Demographically Speaking:

By Gender:	Male	54.2%
	Female	45.8%

By Age:	Under 5	0.6%
	06-19	9.0%
	20-24	9.5%
	25-59	66.3%
	60 & Over	14.6%

By Disability:	Cognitive	19.5%
	Mental/Emotional	18.6%
	Physical	32.6%
	Hearing	1.7%
	Vision	3.0%
	Multiple Disabilities	20.3%
	Other	4.4%

By Race:	African American	30.0%
	American Indian	1.6%
	Asian	0.6%
	Hawaiian/Pacific Is.	0.1%
	White	67.7%

By Ethnicity:	Hispanic/Latino	1.0%
	Non Hispanic/Latino	99.0%



Our Services

Our core services include:

- **Information and Assistance** including the resources needed to make informed choices about living, learning and working independently
- **Independent Living Skills** to teach everyday self-sufficiency. Topics may include budgeting, healthy diet, housing, transportation, personal assistance, employment, and strategies for self-advocacy
- **Peer Counseling** between two or more individuals with disabilities who share ideas in order to gain greater awareness and control over their own lives
- **Individual Advocacy** for access to equal opportunities in social, economic, educational and legal forums
- **Systems Advocacy** to identify local, state and national issues of importance to all people with disabilities, and to promote full inclusion and improved implementation of existing laws



We also provide:

Services for individuals

- Employment
- Pre-Employment Skill Development
- Job search assistance
- Transition
 - From school to work
 - From nursing facilities to your own home
- Ongoing Community Supports
 - Acquiring and maintaining appropriate benefits
 - Short-term personal counseling to set independent living goals
 - Securing, learning to use, and maintaining assistive technology
 - Voter registration
 - Developing Plans to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) for recipients of SSE and SSDI

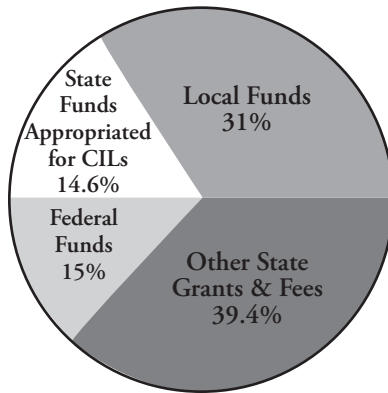
Services for communities

- Public Education
- Disability awareness workshops
- In-service workshops and seminars on disability issues, laws and the Independent Living philosophy
- Systems Change Advocacy and Consultation to Improve
 - Housing, accessibility, transportation, personal assistance, education, and employment options for people with disabilities

Our Finances

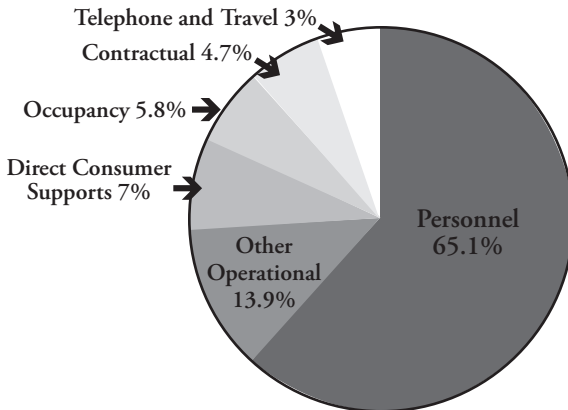
FY 2007 Revenue

\$14,020,551



FY 2007 Expenses

\$14,020,551



FY 2007 Value of Volunteer Time: \$1,123,216



Our Taxpayer Savings

Cost savings to the State of Michigan from Disability Network / Michigan member CILs are computed annually on the basis of service outcome date and presented annually by the Michigan Department of Labor/Economic Growth – Rehabilitation Services, the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Counsel and Disability Network Michigan to the Michigan Legislature in compliance with Section 404 of Public Act 118 of 2007.

For FY 2007 the cost savings are as follows:

• Savings from nursing home relocations:	\$2,733,496
• Savings from work to prevent institutionalization:	\$3,662,521
• Savings from sustain independence of persons previously :	\$4,067,435
• Savings from prisoner re-entry:	\$3,830,653
• Savings from services in support of employment:	\$6,198,526
• Savings from CIL Youth Transition services:	\$3,724,724
Total FY 2007 Cost Savings:	\$24,217,355

*For every \$1 in general funds appropriated
by the State of Michigan for CILs in FY 2007,
Disability Network / Michigan member CILs
saved taxpayers at least \$11.53!*

It's About Choosing Where I Want To Live!



52 year old Valarie Turner loves being able to take a bath whenever she wants. “You don’t realize how valuable being able to make your own decisions is until you aren’t able to eat when you want, sleep when you need to, or take a bath when you want,” said Valarie.

The lifelong Flint resident experienced a brain aneurism in 2004 that lead to a stroke. The hospital staff thought that the lasting damage was too severe for Valarie to live on her own, and she was discharged to a nursing home.

For three years Valarie says she was helpless and hopeless. Valarie said, “I didn’t think I would ever get out of there!” Then Kathy McGeathy, a

Nursing Facility Transition Advocate from The Disability Network in Flint arrived in her room. “She told me that if it was want I wanted, she would get me out, and she did everything she said she would,” said Valarie. Over the course of a year, Kathy helped Valarie put the many community resources together that she needed to move into her own apartment.

“I have my independence back, and I don’t take it for granted,” said Valarie.



"I Got the Job!"

David Misner of Muskegon had been looking for nearly 2 years on his own for employment that matched his skills. But because of his learning disability, filling out applications and forms was a challenge. Then he found Disability Connection CIL in Muskegon.

CIL staff helped David fine tune his resumé, coach him in his personal independent living goals and complete job applications.



It wasn't long before David was successful and found a job that really fit. He is now a Security Guard and as his new employer put it, "David was exactly what we were looking for."

It's a good feeling to know that I got the job and my financial problems can be resolved because I have a dependable income and benefits. With continuing support from Disability Connections and my new employer, I have a bright new future," said David.

I Love My New Home!



Cheryl Swenor contracted polio when she was 4 years old. Finding accessible housing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan proved challenging so Cheryl settled for an inaccessible apartment.

“For 20 years, I had to crawl up 9 steps to get into my home. I was basically housebound. The washer and dryer were in the basement and the only way I could do laundry was if a friend came over and did it for me,” said Cheryl.

Finally a relative recommended that Cheryl contact the Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) in Marquette, a Disability Network / Michigan member CIL. SAIL had recently completed

a consultation contract on the architectural plans for a new accessible and affordable housing project. The advocates at SAIL went into action and in a matter of 3 weeks Cheryl was living in a new and fully accessible, barrier-free apartment.

Cheryl has been in her apartment for 2 years now. “I love it here.

I can do my own laundry! This apartment is the best thing that’s ever happened to me. It has honestly made all the difference in the world in my life,” said Cheryl who now recommends contacting SAIL to every person with a disability that she meets while out in the community.



Changing Communities Changes Lives



Safe, reliable, accessible public transportation is a priority for Disability Network/Michigan. Through unrelenting advocacy, Disability Advocates of Kent County has helped form public opinion and secure the resources needed for The Rapid to become one of the most accessible transit systems in the state.

Disability Advocates organized a number grass roots campaigns that brought together supporters from every sector of the community. Their efforts helped pass a transportation millage that helps citizens maintain their jobs, access health care, and live in housing of their own choice.

This success story is just one example of the many ways Disability Network/Michigan members support important issues that impact Michigan's communities.





Member CILs

In Northern Michigan

**Superior Alliance for
Independent Living**

129 W. Baraga, Suite H
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 228-5744
www.upsail.org

**Disability Network /
Northern Michigan**

333. E. State Street
Traverse City, MI 49683
(231) 922-0903
www.disabilitynetwork-nmi.org

In Central Michigan

**Disability Network /
Mid-Michigan**

1160 James Savage, Ste. C
Midland, MI 48640
(989) 835-4041
www.dnmm.org

The Disability Network

3600 S. Dort Highway, Ste. 54
Flint, MI 48507
(810) 742-1800
www.disnetwork.org

Capital Area CIL

1048 Pierpont, Suites 9-10
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 241-0393
www.cacil.org

disABILITY CONNECTIONS

409 Linden Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203
(517) 782-6054
www.disabilityconnect.org

In Eastern Michigan

Blue Water CIL

310 Water Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 987-9337
www.bwcil.org

**Disability Network /
Oakland & Macomb**

16645 15 Mile Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035
(586) 268-4160
www.dnom.org

**Disability Network /
Wayne County-Detroit**

5555 Conner, Ste. 2075
Detroit, MI 48213
(313) 923-1655
www.dnwayne.org



Member CILs

Ann Arbor CIL

3941 Research Park Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 971-0277
www.aacil.org

In Western Michigan

Disability Connection

1871 Peck St.
Muskegon, MI 49444
(321) 722-0088
www.dcilmi.org

Disability Advocates of Kent County

3600 Camelot Dr., SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 949-1100
www.disabilityadvocates.us

Disability Network / Lakeshore

426 Century Lane
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-5326
www.dnlakeshore.org

Disability Network / Southwest Michigan

517 E. Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 345-1516
www.drcil.org

Community Connections

133 E. Napier, Suite #2
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-6422
www.miconnect.org

Did you know...

Estimated Michigan adult population with a disability is 1,529,000 or 20.6 percent of the population - 695,000 men with a disability or 19.8% and 834,000 women with a disability or 21.2%



Member CILs

Our State Level Partners

MI Statewide IL Council

417 Seymour St.,
Suite 10
Lansing, MI 48933
1-800-371-4872
www.mislic.org

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

MI Rehabilitation Services
201 N. Washington Sq. 4th Floor
P.O. Box 30010
Lansing, Michigan
1-800-605-6722
www.michigan.gov/mrs

MiCommission for the Blind

201 N Washington
P.O. Box 30652
Lansing, Michigan
1-517-373-0579
www.michigan.gov/mcb

MI Commission on Disability Concerns

210 N. Washington,
Suite 150
Lansing, MI 48909
1-517-335-6004
www.michigan.gov

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition

780 W. Lake Lansing Rd.
Suite 200
East Lansing, MI 48823
1-517-333-2477
www.copower.org

MI Department of Community Health Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services

6th Floor – MIG
109 W. MI Avenue
Lansing, MI 48913
1-517-241-1730

US Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Affairs Regional Office

477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226
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Disability Network / Michigan is the private, nonprofit association established by Michigan's 15 Centers for Independent Living.

It is the collective voice of the Michigan CIL Network.

Disability Network / Michigan and its member CILs work diligently to grow their individual and collective capacity to build livable communities and promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities.



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